

Take Care of Texas

How to Stay Safe in a Flood

Can you identify the hazards of a flood?

Map scene of flooded neighborhood.

1. Downed Power Line
2. Mosquitoes
3. Loose Animals
4. Wild Animals
5. Debris
6. Cracks and Holes
7. Deep Water
8. Gas Leak
9. Chemicals
10. Sewage Overflow

Why Flooding Can Be Dangerous:

- Power lines may have been knocked down during a storm. Don't touch the power lines because they may still have electricity and could hurt you.
- Insects, especially mosquitoes, like ponds of water. When you are near the floodwater, they could bite you.
- Animals may have gotten lost or carried away during the flood. These animals could be dangerous. If you see dead animals, do not touch them.
- Floodwater is full of germs that can make you sick or cause infections. Disinfect anything that touched floodwater and wash your hands a lot.
- Floodwater can carry large objects with it. Don't go into floodwater to pick items up. Some objects could be sharp or dangerous.
- The water may be deeper than you think, so don't play in any puddles or streams. Flooding can also cause cracks and holes in the ground.
- Moving water is dangerous. Just six inches of water can knock you off your feet.
- A storm or flood can break gas lines, causing a gas leak near your house. Tell an adult immediately if you smell gas around your house.

Fill in the Blank Activity – Ways to Stay Safe in a Flood

Word Bank: Hands, Flood, Disinfect, Animals, Adult, Contaminated, Germs, Sick, Bug Spray, Protective

- Stay out of the floodwater. It can be dangerous and _____ can make you sick or cause infections.
- Apply _____ before going outside.
- Stay away from wild _____. Tell an adult if you see one on the loose.
- Tell an adult if you get hurt or feel _____ after being in floodwater.
- _____ toys before playing with them. Throw away toys or items that absorbed water and can't be disinfected.
- Wear _____ gear (rubber boots, rubber gloves, and goggles) when going outside.
- Wash your _____ frequently with soap and warm water.
- Keep _____ clothes separate from your clean clothes. Make sure they are washed with hot water to get rid of germs.
- Tell an _____ if you hear a hissing noise or feel sick. This could be a gas leak near your home.
- If there is a possibility of a _____, help your family move important things to an upper floor of your house.

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